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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations -
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1. The Director, accompanied by [] and John S. Warner, met with the Mahon Subcommittee of House Appropriations for approximately two and one-half hours beginning at ten o'clock. Present from the Subcommittee were:

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George H. Mahon, Chairman
Frank T. Bow
Glenard P. Lipscomb
Robert L. Michaels, Staff Assistant

No transcript was taken. Prior to the hearing, there was a technical sweep and during the hearing there was technical monitoring.

2. The Director gave highlights from the prepared briefing on South Vietnam. In response to a query, the Director stated that we were not able to follow the SA-2 missiles and related equipment when they are moved from point to point. In response to another question, the Director stated that authority exists in Vietnam to knock out any SA-2 missile sites except within the Hanoi envelope. The Director also gave the highlights of a prepared briefing on the surface-to-air missiles in North Vietnam.

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3. The Director covered the prepared briefing on U. S. losses over North Vietnam and prospects for negotiations in accordance with the attached. The Director added, on the question of negotiations, that there are possibly some indicators of negotiation feelers from Hanoi but no evidence at all from Peking.

4. The Director briefed on the Southeast Asian problem in accordance with the attached. He emphasized that the entire area must be considered as a package. He pointed out that recently Eugene Black of the World Bank, Mr. Harriman of State, and Mr. Bell from DOD, met with him to review this very problem. He indicated that the group planned to meet once a month to consider the entire problem.

5. The Director then covered, in accordance with the attached, Kashmir, Yemen, Peru, and Greece.

6. The Director then briefed on Communist China following the prepared briefing. Following this he turned to the Agency's program targeted against Communist China. He utilized the viewgraphs which had been prepared in FE. Among the items included in the briefing were: [REDACTED] Mr. Bow queried when the Communist Chinese might move into Vietnam. The Director stated that he did not believe they would move until it appeared that North Vietnam was in danger of collapse. The Director emphasized the railroad construction in North Vietnam near the Chinese border and pointed out that a ChiCom railway battalion was there and he is most concerned that this construction work might be contingency efforts against the day when there are serious movements of ChiComs into North Vietnam.

7. Mr. Lipscomb raised a question about a recent Sino-Soviet agreement concerning railway equipment, then added he thought possibly this was a Soviet-Hanoi arrangement. The Director stated we would get information on this and provide it to Lipscomb.

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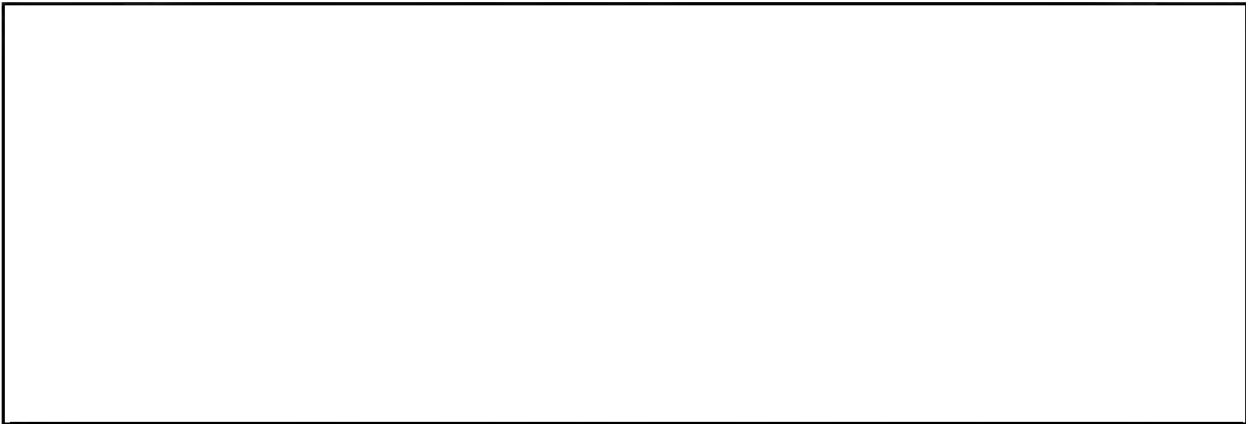
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9. At the completion of the briefing Mr. Mahon thanked the Director for the extensive coverage indicating it had been most interesting.

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